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In re the Application of:

**TOCHISHITA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 09/883,232

Examiner: **Ram N. Kackar**

Filed: **June 19, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1461

For: **SURFACE-TREATING SUPPORT MEMBER,  
SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER, SURFACE-TREATING  
PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1763**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 10, 2003**, extended to **January 10, 2004**  
by a **one-month** Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as  
follows: